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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Mass, et al.

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Examiner: Unknown

Title: MOTOR VEHICLE DOOR

**PETITION UNDER RULE 37 CFR 1.47(a)**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

One of the inventors of the above-referenced application, Gregory Keyes, has effectively refused to execute this application. The owner of this application is Meritor Automotive GmbH ("Meritor"). The other inventors are acting on behalf of themselves and on behalf of Mr. Keyes.

The reasons for this action are set forth below:

Gregory Keyes was employed by Meritor, and under an obligation to assign inventions to Meritor. Mr. Keyes has left Meritor and has not been located. Dr. Horst Schumacher of Konig Palgen Schumacher Kluin in Germany, who is responsible for the original German filing of this application, has been searching for Mr. Keyes. However, no forwarding information regarding Mr. Keyes has been obtained. We have attempted to contact Mr. Keyes by sending a copy of the

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application to his last known address [28 Inverclyde Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, West Midlands, B20 2LJ, United Kingdom] via Federal Express (copy attached as **Exhibit 1**).

A check in the amount of \$1,900.00 (Filing Fee \$710.00, Surcharge Fee \$130.00, Assignment Recordation Fee \$40.00, Three-Month Extension Fee \$890.00 and Petition for Missing Inventor Fee \$130.00) is enclosed. As the multiple dependent claims have been removed by the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith, no further fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Therefore, applicant asks that processing of this application now proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

**CARLSON, GASKEY & OLDS, P.C.**

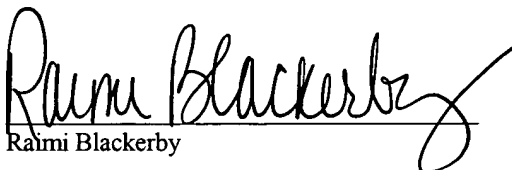


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Dated: April 13, 2001

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this Petition and accompanying documents are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on April 13, 2001.

  
Raimi Blackerby